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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A surface acoustic wave filter comprising:

a piezoelectric substrate; and

a plurality of one-terminal-pair surface acoustic resonators disposed on said piezoelectric substrate, each of the plurality of one-terminal-pair surface acoustic resonators including interdigital electrodes disposed on said piezoelectric substrate, and an insulating film deposited on and adhered to the interdigital electrodes;

wherein at least one of said plurality of one-terminal-pair surface acoustic resonators is a series arm resonator, and at least one of the remaining one-terminal-pair surface acoustic resonators is a parallel arm resonator,

the series arm resonator and the parallel arm resonator are coupled in a ladder arrangement, and

the electrode duty of the ~~series-parallel~~ arm resonator is greater than the electrode duty of the ~~parallel-series~~ arm resonator, the electrode duty of a one-terminal pair surface acoustic resonator being defined by the following equation (1):

$$\text{electrode duty} = 2 \times W/\lambda \quad \dots(1)$$

where λ denotes the wavelength of the one-terminal-pair surface acoustic wave resonator, and W denotes the line width of an interdigital electrode, and

the electrode duty of the parallel arm resonator is about 0.51 to about 0.55.

Claim 2 (original): A surface acoustic wave filter according to Claim 1, wherein

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the piezoelectric substrate is a 36° rotated Y-cut X-propagation LiTaO₃ substrate.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A surface acoustic wave filter comprising:
a piezoelectric substrate; and

a plurality of one-terminal-pair surface acoustic resonators disposed on said
piezoelectric substrate, each of the plurality of one-terminal-pair surface acoustic
resonators including interdigital electrodes disposed on said piezoelectric substrate, and
an insulating film deposited on and adhered to the interdigital electrodes;

wherein at least one of said plurality of one-terminal-pair surface acoustic
resonators is a series arm resonator, and at least one of the remaining one-terminal-pair
surface acoustic resonators is a parallel arm resonator,

the series arm resonator and the parallel arm resonator are coupled in a ladder
arrangement,

the electrode duty of the parallel arm resonator is greater than the electrode duty
of the series arm resonator, the electrode duty of a one-terminal pair surface acoustic
resonator being defined by the following equation (1):

$$\text{electrode duty} = 2 \times W/\lambda \quad \dots(1)$$

where λ denotes the wavelength of the one-terminal-pair surface acoustic wave
resonator, and W denotes the line width of an interdigital electrode, and
A surface acoustic wave filter according to Claim 1,

wherein the thickness of the electrode in each of the SAW resonators is about
9.2% of the average wavelength of the series arm resonators and the parallel arm
resonators.

Claim 4 (original): A surface acoustic wave filter according to Claim 1, further
comprising reflectors arranged at both ends of the interdigital electrodes.

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Claim 5 (original): A surface acoustic wave filter according to Claim 1, wherein the insulating film is SiO₂.

Claim 6 (original): A surface acoustic wave filter according to Claim 1, wherein the surface acoustic wave filter is a receiver RF filter.

Claim 7 (original): A surface acoustic wave filter according to Claim 1, wherein the thickness of the insulating film has a dimension that achieves a predetermined frequency characteristic.

Claim 8 (original): A surface acoustic wave filter according to Claim 1, wherein the electrode duty of at least one series arm resonator is about 0.5 or less.

Claim 9 (original): A communication apparatus comprising at least one surface acoustic wave filter according to Claim 1.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The three attached sheet of drawings include changes to Figs. 1A to 3. The first sheet, which includes Figs. 1A to 1D, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1A to 1D. The second sheet, which includes Figs. 2A and 2B, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 2A and 2B. The third sheet, which includes Fig. 3, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 3.

Attachment: Three Replacement Sheets.